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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Mitsuo HORIKAWA) Group Art Unit: 1771
Application No.: 10/046,286) Examiner: J. Boyd
Filed: January 16, 2002) Confirmation No.: 2337
For: SLIDE FASTENER TAPE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2005, and pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the period for response having been extended to September 18, 2005 by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and the remarks as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.